

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Washington Square
DOCKET NO.: 05-23636.001-C-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-09-400-086-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Washington Square, the appellant, by attorney Anthony M. Farace of Amari & Locallo, in Chicago, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a 201,800 square foot parcel improved with a nine year-old, one-story commercial building that contains 49,471 square feet of building area. The property is located in Bellwood, Proviso Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. In support of this overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted a grid analysis of three comparable sales. The comparable sites range in size from 9,875 to 99,400 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story, two-story or three-story buildings that range in size from 23,900 to 41,976 square feet of building area. The comparables sold between March 2003 and June 2005 for prices ranging from \$700,000 to \$1,700,000 or from \$19.77 to \$70.83 per square foot of building area including land. The appellant submitted the final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review establishing a total assessment for the subject of \$1,478,708, which reflects a market value of approximately \$3,891,337 or \$78.66 per square foot of building area including land, using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessments for class 5A

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	421,762
IMPR.:	\$	959,963
TOTAL:	\$	1,381,725

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

property of 38%. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$1,381,725.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

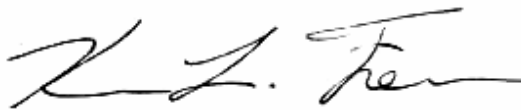
The appellant in this appeal submitted three comparables sales. The comparables ranged in size from 23,900 to 41,976 square feet of building area and sold between March 2003 and June 2005 for prices ranging from \$700,000 to \$1,700,000 or from \$19.77 to \$70.83 per square foot of building area including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of approximately \$3,891,337 or \$78.66 per square foot of building area including land, which falls above the range of the comparable sales presented by the appellant. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. Based on this analysis, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is excessive.

In conclusion, the Board finds the appellant has demonstrated the subject property was overvalued by a preponderance of the evidence. Therefore, the Board finds the subject property's assessment as established by the board of review is incorrect and a reduction is warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: April 25, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment

of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.